AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning on pg. 1 and ending on pg. 2 is amended as follows:

A method of manufacturing the metallic carrier is shown in JP-A-5-131143 or Figs. 4 to 7. A manufacturing method is known in which a belt-shaped corrugated sheet 1 and a flat sheet 3 which are formed of metal sheets are alternately superposed one on another, and are rolled and formed into a core (honeycomb body) 5 having a circular cross-sectional shape or a cross-sectional shape of a racing track, and an Ni brazing foil material 7 is wound around an outer periphery of the rear side (exhaust gas outlet side) of the core 5 or a central portion thereof. This assembly is press-fitted in a metallic outer cylinder 9 and is heated (subjected to heat treatment) in a vacuum state so as to ~~diffionally~~diffusionally join together the corrugated sheet 1 and the flat sheet 3 and braze together the outer cylinder 9 and the core 5, thereby manufacturing the metallic carrier 11 or 13.

Page 7, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

~~It should be noted that the width and the depth of the solder risin~~

~~g preventing groove 19 are appropriately selected in accordance with the volume of the metallic carrier to be manufactured and the volume of the brazing foil material to be used.~~

It should be noted that the width and the depth of the solder-rising preventing groove 19 are appropriately selected in accordance with the volume of the metallic carrier to be manufactured and the volume of the brazing foil material to be used.

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

A metallic carrier for a catalytic converter in which a brazing foil material ~~7~~ is wound around an outer periphery of an exhaust gas outlet side of a core ~~5~~ formed by superposing one on top another a corrugated sheet ~~1~~ and a flat sheet ~~3~~ formed of a metal sheet and by rolling them, and an assembly thereof is press-fitted into a metallic outer cylinder ~~15~~ and is subjected to heat treatment so as to diffusionally join together the corrugated sheet ~~1~~ and the flat sheet ~~3~~ and join together an inner periphery of the outer cylinder ~~15~~ and an outer periphery of the core ~~5~~ by a brazing material ~~7 1~~,. The metallic carrier is characterized in that a solder-rising preventing groove ~~19~~ is provided over an entire circumference of the inner periphery of the outer cylinder ~~15~~ at a position located on an exhaust gas inlet side of an area for joining the core ~~5~~.